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6. Subject: Rolf BECHMANN, M/S Erfurt Secret Collaborator

Persons Involved:

1. Rolf BECHMANN (also known as BECHMANN or HESCHMANN), cover name JULIUS, born 12 April 1910, living at Weissen, Balvediere Allee 10 B
2. Ernst ZEINER, born 21 August 1914, Frankfurt/Main, living at Frankfurt/Main, Schenckstr 42, employed at the Hesberg-Bremer Feuerversicherungs Gesellschaft, Frankfurt/Main, Rhindstr. 24
3. Graf Johann Adolf von KERMANNSDORF, personal data known
4. Werner DIETRICH, born 4 June 1912, Dippoldiswalde bei Leipzig, permanent address at Volkach (near Würzburg), Ring Str. 52, presently living at Dippoldiswalde bei Regensburg, Baum Str. 160, employed as Bagger Führer
5. Lieselotte DIETRICH, née DAHLEM, born 19 February 1913 at Rehnsdorf bei Zippendorf, DDR, married to Werner DIETRICH on 27 December 1938, living at Volkach (near Würzburg), Ring Str. 52
6. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

We have been pressing the investigation of this case, because the information by Otto, though we till now very reliable, still has not been verified in this instance, and we wish to avoid any unmerited damage to anyone's reputation should the charges turn out to be unfounded.

According to Otto, BECHMANN was directed by M/S Erfurt to develop contact with ZEINER and KERMANNSDORF, all three of whom are said to be members of the Veterans Organization of the First Panzer Division. Otto does not know how successful BECHMANN has been on this operation, and Otto believes that ZEINER and KERMANNSDORF are unwitting of BECHMANN's M/S ties.

To clear up this matter, we have been seeking contact with BECHMANN. This we tried to achieve through DIETRICH, whose wife is a half-sister of BECHMANN.

DIETRICH wife was was visiting his wife in the DDR during the summer of 1955. DIETRICH had been a member of the SS. After returning to West Germany, DIETRICH reported his detention in the DDR and refused to continue contact with the M/S. BECHMANN was sent to West Germany late in 1955 to investigate DIETRICH's status.

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We made contact with DIMITRICH and Otto's information concerning DIMITRICH was verified in every detail. However, DIMITRICH claimed to have no contact with EICHMANN, and refused to seek any.

In the meantime, we have located ZIMMER, and initial contact with him has verified the fact that he is a member of the Veterans of the First Panzer Division, and he acknowledges having heard of EICHMANN, whom he claims to know as FISCHAK or FISCHNER. ZIMMER further admitted having once been approached by West Zone members of the Veterans group to work for the "NSD". This point was not pursued in the initial meeting with ZIMMER, because it would have been incompatible with the cover used by the investigator. ZIMMER agreed to inform the investigator if EICHMANN should visit West Germany. However, it should be noted that ZIMMER appears to be more of the investigator's true motives. It is hoped that this matter will be cleared up within the next few weeks.

Future Handling:

We indicated our desire to pursue this case, but we also expressed our willingness to withdraw, or to participate in a joint effort, should either of the latter approaches be deemed preferable. Traces were requested, particularly on ZIMMER, but also with special attention to any unique capability perhaps available to achieve contact with EICHMANN.

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